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Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the water for the irrigation of 35,000 acres in the Kistna Eastern delta is for ordinary wet crop or does it include short crop ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" That is a matter under investigation. I believe it will be short crop."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, what advantage there is in allowing water to short crop when water is available for ordinary crop ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" The Government are of opinion that enough water will be available for short crop after providing for the ordinary crop."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" With reference to answer to clause (c) that water will be available for the irrigation of 40,000 acres in the Kistna Western delta, may I know whether the Government intend taking special steps to bring into existence any particular scheme of irrigation out of the many schemes that were already submitted to Government ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I do not follow the hon. Member."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" There were some schemes like Appapuram Project which were taken up by Government and later on given up. I want to know whether such schemes are being investigated by Government."

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I must ask for notice."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know whether Vempadi Project and extension of Kistna East Bank Canal Scheme for which some money was provided in the last year's budget are included in this ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" If the hon. Member refers to the Vempadi Project, that is being proceeded with."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know, in case the Government find water available, whether they will be prepared also to consider pumping schemes ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Any suggestion the hon. Member makes will be considered."

Land Revenue Establishment

Alleged kicking of an idol by the Tahsildar of Gudiyattam.

* 1800 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased—

(a) to lay upon the table the papers connected with the kicking of a Hindu idol by Mr. Gnanaprakasam on a previous occasion when he was acting as Tahsildar of Gudiyattam ; and

(b) to state whether it is a fact that his claims for confirmation as tahsildar were overlooked by Mr. Leach, the permanent Collector of the district, and whether he was confirmed as tahsildar by the acting Collector Mr. A. Appadurai Pillai ?

A.—(a) After considerable search an anonymous petition has been found preserved in the Secretariat records of March 1926. The Government do not propose to give it publicity now.

(b) The answer to the first part of the question is in the negative and to the second in the affirmative.

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Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know, Sir, if the permanent Collector, Mr. Leach, overlooked the claims of the Tahsildar on account of the reasons mentioned in clause (a)?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"It is stated in the answer itself 'the answer to the first part of the question is in the negative'."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know, Sir, whether the present Collector, Mr. Appadurai Pillai, has absolutely no regard for the religious sentiments of other people?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"I am not aware of it, Sir."

Legislative

Postal concessions to M.L.C's.

* 1801 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: With reference to the answer to my question No. 1574, dated the 1st of March 1929, regarding postal concessions to members of the Legislative Council, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to place before the House the report of the House Committee and the recommendations made by the Government thereon to the Government of India and the reply, if any, received from the latter on the above subject?

A.—A copy of the resolution of the House Committee [a] is laid on the table. The Government do not propose to publish their letter to the Government of India before that Government replies. The Government of India have not yet replied.

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU:—"May I know, Sir, whether the Government have recommended to the Government of India in pursuance of the resolution of the House Committee?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"It is not usual to answer such questions when the matter is still under correspondence. I may say that they have."

II

MOTIONS ON THE BUDGET FOR 1929-30.

DEMAND XV—JAILS—*cont.*

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The Council will now resume discussion on the Budget."

* Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"Mr. President, Sir, I beg leave to move

'that the allotment of Rs. 37,100 for Superintendence (Jails) be reduced by Rs. 100'

to discuss the reforms needed in the administration of jails and treatment of convicts.

"The present administration of jails in this Province has made notable advance in many directions, and many of the recommendations made by the Jails Committee have been adopted here. But criminal law and procedure and prison administration have not yet been reformed to the extent which

[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 507 infra.